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The Spider's Web

Long ago, there was no human life on Earth. At that time, Man lived in the clouds and could only see the Earth from far. It happened one day that a man and a woman had been looking down at Earth. They were longing to find out what sort of world it was. As they looked at Earth, an old woman came behind them and asked them whether they would like to go there. And the man and woman answered that they would very much like to. The old woman said: "It is well that you want to see the Earth for yourself but it is not the same life as up here. Down on Earth, there is hot and cold, day and night. You will need to fight for your survival."

"Still we want to go", the man and woman said. "Then ask the spider, and he may help you." So the man and woman went to the spider and told him they wanted to go to Earth. The spider started to spin a basket big enough to hold the man and woman and then told them to get in. "I will let you down slowly", the spider said. "However, only one of you must look down. If both of you look, then you will fall." The man and woman agreed and the spider started to let them down. The woman looked down and said: "I can see the rivers and lakes!". She looked some more and said: "I can see the tops of the trees!" Then, as the spider let them down even closer to Earth, she said: "I can see the grass!" By this time, the man had grown very curious and he thought to himself: "I will just have a quick look." And the man did look and the basket suddenly fell out of the sky!

Stay tuned for the rest of this sacred story in the next issue of Arrowhead News!



Phil Fontaine

at Concordia

Yes, you read right! Phil Fontaine, Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, will be speaking at Concordia on October 27, 1998. Sponsored by the School of Community and Public Affairs, the lecture will be held in H-110 at 7:30. Mr. Fontaine will be addressing the AFN's position regarding the federal government's response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People. There is no admission fee.

Collective Kitchen

Our collective kitchen is off to a great start! There are still a few places left so hurry and let us know if you want in on all the good stuff. For those of you who are not familiar with the concept of a collective kitchen, here's the scoop: a collective kitchen brings together people who are interested in saving money, time and energy by getting together to cook in big batches and dividing the food equally to bring home for later consumption. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Suzanne at 848-7326.

Native Agenda

What!! You don't have your agenda yet? Come and pick up your copy at the Centre for Native Education. It's free...

Student Services Festival

Once again this year, we will be hawking our wares on the Mezzanine on October 22, 1998

as part of the Student Services Festival. Come and find out what services and programmes we offer and get a chance to win our amazing *Impress your mate (or date)* basket of goodies! You can't win if you don't show up!

New Internet Access

Yes! The Centre for Native Education has another computer hooked up to the Internet. Students can now surf the Web (and access their e-mail) from two different computers.

And speaking of the Internet, have you visited Concordia's home page lately? There are a whole lot of new features and current students can now access information pertaining to their records through Concordia's home site. Student information which can be accessed includes:

- Personal class schedules
- Student records
- Statements of account

And coming soon, you will also be able to access the following:

- Exam schedules
- Current course grades
- Address changes
- Loans and bursaries

It's as easy as using CARL and no one else but you can access your information since you must type in your student ID number, your birth date and the same PIN you use with CARL.

Check it out at <http://www.concordia.ca>

Moccasin Workshop

Back by popular demand and for the third year in a row, the Centre is offering a moccasin making workshop starting on October 30, 1998 at 10:00 am sharp. Workshop is free but you must bring your own supplies! Please RSVP as space is *very* limited.

Plains Cree Workshops

It's finally happening! Also starting on October 30 at 2:00 pm is a language workshop on Plains Cree. No extra cost, just bring a pad of paper and a pen.

Classifieds

Car for sale. 1993 Ford Festiva. 125 000 km. Great condition, good on gas. Comes with winter tires. \$3500 negotiable. Call Guy at 933-1612.

Wanted: apartment to share with roommate close to Concordia. Willing to pitch in \$230 to \$300 a month. Ready to move for November 1. Please call Guy at 933-1612.

Cargo van for sale. Awesome 1986 GMC Safari van in excellent condition. 166 000 km. New tires and brakes. Has never seen snow! \$3950 or best offer. Call Corrine at 341-7256.

Antique dining room cabinet for sale. Beautiful circa 1920s wood cabinet with turned legs and glass door. Going price: \$300. Call 528-5728.

Aboriginal Masters Program

No, it's not a Golf Tournament! It is a career opportunity for Native people who have completed or will complete their Master's degree no later than December 1, 1999. The Department of Indian Affairs is looking for 4 candidates who are interested in a career with the federal government. A two-year training period is offered at an entrance salary of approximately \$42 000. Drop by the Centre for more information.

Upcoming Events

Quebec Native Women is hosting **Pimadiziwin**, part two of the *This is Dawn* Conference which will be held on November 11, 12 and 13, 1998 at the Wyndham Hotel on Jeanne-Mance Street. The Conference will address issues of wellness and healing of our Native communities and will feature several prominent speakers. Student rate: \$125. For more information, please call 954-0512

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